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CMSP Letter 83-7

All County Welfare Directors
CMSP Contact Persons

This letter confirms information transmitted to you through earlier correspondence contained in CMSP Letter Number 83-3, CMSP eligibility training workshops regarding share of cost documentation, and recent All County phone calls.

Sections 0655, 0657, and 0658 of the CMSP Eligibility Manual require the CMSP 177S form to be used for all beneficiaries who have a share of cost. Medi-Cal share of cost forms (MC 177S) may not be substituted for CMSP 177S forms since such substitution could mislead and confuse providers of service regarding CMSP program coverage and payment rates. Your assistance in ensuring that MC 177S forms are not substituted for CMSP 177S forms will help to minimize the possibility of litigation against your county or the State by providers.

To reduce confusion on share of cost documentation and assure that beneficiaries will receive their CMSP cards on a timely basis, the Office of County Health Services and Local Public Health Assistance is requiring that the CMSP 177S forms be used exclusively for CMSP eligible persons. As of April month of eligibility, share of cost documentation for CMSP on Medi-Cal forms will be returned to you by the Benefits Review Unit (BRU). This action will require that your department instruct beneficiaries to return to providers to have the correct CMSP 177S form signed.

To date, BRU has returned some modified MC 177S' used for CMSP eligible persons to county welfare departments with a request for replacement with the CMSP 177S form. If your staff has any such MC 177S' returned by BRU for any months of eligibility prior to April, please return these forms to BRU immediately. This will permit BRU to issue cards to these beneficiaries. Please note, as of April eligibility, substituted forms will not be accepted and will be returned as indicated above.

If you have any question regarding this process, please call Thelma R. Ellison at (916) 324-4202.

Sincerely,

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cc: CMSP/Medi-Cal Liaisons

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